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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Kocher, et al.

Serial No.: 10/624,288

For: Optical Connecting Device For Coupling Connectors To An Apparatus With Multiple Ports

Filed: July 21, 2003

Examiner: Chandrika Prasad

Art Unit: 2839

Confirmation No.: 7393

Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: 20 02 0408

**Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated October 26, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ _____ to extend the time for filing this response until _____.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	20	Minus	20	0	x \$50.00	\$
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$360.00 = \$	
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES					\$PAID	
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY					\$N/A	

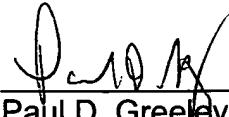


A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

January 26, 2005

Date


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DATE



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In response to the Office Action dated October 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.